

Remarks

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of Claims 2-6. It is also believed that Claim 1, as amended, is clearly allowable as it basically tracks apparatus Claim 2 in that Claim 1 now recites that the steam and heated water are introduced into the coffee grinds at substantially the same time through separate passages. Support for this amendment to Claim 1 is set forth on page 5, lines 9, *et seq.* As thus amended, Claim 1 obviates the Examiner's position that the method could be carried out using a different apparatus, i.e., one wherein only a single line is used for alternatively delivering water and steam. Clearly, as recognized by the Examiner, with only a single line, steam and hot water cannot be delivered at the same time. It is beyond peradventure that in the Examiner's searching, any prior art which would have been uncovered showing separate delivery lines or passage for steam and water into the brew basket, while not necessarily rendering any of the claims unpatentable, would surely have been cited, as at least being pertinent. Thus, the search by the Examiner would have developed any patents pertinent to Claim 1 as amended.

Claim 7, dependent on Claim 1, calls for the steam to be introduced into the brew basket below the level of coffee grinds in the basket. Clearly, Claim 7 is also patentable.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and submits that Claim 1 and 7, like Claims 2-6, are likewise in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



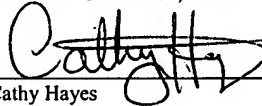
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